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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated January 14, 2002 for three months from February 14, 2002 to May 14, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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